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POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME UNDER HORTICULTURAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started poverty alleviation programme under horticultural schemes through diversification of traditional crops towards cultivation of horticultural crops like fruits, plantation crops, flowers, spices, aromatic plants to ensure higher returns per unit area, improve nutritional security and income support to farmers in the country including Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the incentives and funds provided by the Government under the scheme, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): The Government of India is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH). HMNEH is being implemented in remaining States and Union Territories, including Karnataka with the objective to enhance horticulture production, improve nutritional security and income support to farm households and those engaged in post harvest management, value addition and allied activities. All horticulture crops such as fruits, spices, flowers and aromatic plants along with plantation crops of Cashew and Cocoa are included. Incentives are provided for taking up activities related to production of planting material, area expansion with improved varieties, rejuvenation of senile plantations, protected cultivation, Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)/ Integrated Pest Management (IPM) along with creation of infrastructure for Post Harvest Management (PHM) and marketing. Also incentives for vegetables are provided through seed production, protected cultivation, INM/IPM and organic farming, under the schemes.

State-wise details of funds provided during 2012-13 is given in the statement at Annexure.